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Listing of Claims:

 (currently amended) A medical apparatus comprising at least one surface which is at least partially coated with a hydrolytically condensed organosilane sol-gel composition.

wherein the <u>organosilane composition provides iodine resistance</u> comprises tetraethoxysilane, methyltromethoxysilane, and an organic, polymerizable substituent.

- 2. (previously amended) The medical apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the sol-gel material is formed from an organosilane compound and water.
- (previously amended) The medical apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the sol-gel material is formed from an organosilane compound and silica particles.
- (cancelled)
- (previously amended) The medical apparatus according to claim 1,
 wherein the coating can be cured at a curing temperature of about 80°C or lower.
- (previously amended) The medical apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the sol-gel is formed from an acid chosen from the group comprising malonic acid, dimethylmalonoc acid and itaconic acid.
- (previously amended) The medical apparatus of claim 1, wherein said surface is a tableton of a diagnostic system.

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8. (currently amended) A medical apparatus comprising at least one surface

which includes a hydrolytically condensed organosilane sol-gel iodine-resistant coating

comprised from a material with the formula $SiX_pY_qZ_r$, wherein X is a hydrolytically

condensable substituent, Y is a polymerizable substituent R-A, wherein R is an alkylene

or arylalkylene, and A is selected from the group comprising halogen, amino, amide,

aldehyde, alkylcarbonyl, carboxy, thio, cyano, alkoxy, alkoxycarbonyl, sulfonic acid,

phosphoric acid, acryloxy, methacryloxy, epoxy or vinyl, and Z is a hydrolytically non-

condensable and non-polymerizable substituent, and wherein p is equal to 2, 3, or 4, q is

equal to 0, 1, or 2, and r is equal to 0 or 1, and

wherein the organosilane composition comprises tetraethoxysilane,

methyltromethoxysilane, and an organic, polymerizable substituent.

(cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (previously amended) The medical apparatus of claim 8 wherein p+q is

greater than 2 and p+q+r is equal to 4.

12. (previously presented) The medical apparatus of claim 8, wherein said at

least one surface is a tabletop of a diagnostic system.

(currently amended) A process for making medical equipment resistant to

iodine comprising coating one or more surfaces with a hydrolytically condensed

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organosilane sol-gel composition, wherein the organosilane composition comprises tetraethoxysilane, methyltromethoxysilane, and an organic, polymerizable substituent.

14. (previously amended) The process of claim 13 wherein said sol-gel material is a glossy material comprising:

demi-water,
itaconic acid,
ethyl alcohol,
tetraethoxysilane,
glycidoxypropyl trimethoxysilane,
silica dispersion, and
wetting agent.

15. (previously presented) The process of claim 13 wherein said sol-gel material is a matte material comprising:

demi-water,
itaconic acid,
ethyl alcohol,
tetraethoxysilane,
glycidoxypropyl trimethoxysilane,
silica dispersion
matting agent, and
wetting agent.